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Office Action Summary

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Examiner

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Period for Response

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR RESPONSE IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a response be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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- If NO period for response is specified above, such period shall, by default, expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to respond within the set or extended period for response will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133).

Status

- ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 10/7/99.
- ☐ This action is **FINAL**.
- ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, **prosecution as to the merits is closed** in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11; 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- ☒ Claim(s) 37-41 is/are pending in the application.
- ☐ Of the above claim(s) none is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- ☒ Claim(s) 37-41 is/are rejected.
- ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction or election requirement.

Application Papers

- ☐ See the attached Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review, PTO-948.
- ☐ The proposed drawing correction, filed on _____ is ☐ approved ☐ disapproved.
- ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are objected to by the Examiner.
- ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119 (a)-(d)

- ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d).
 - ☐ All ☐ Some* ☐ None of the CERTIFIED copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ received in Application No. (Series Code/Serial Number) _____.
 - ☐ received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

*Certified copies not received: _____.

Attachment(s)

- ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s), PTO-1449, Paper No(s) 6
- ☐ Notice of References Cited, PTO-892
- ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review, PTO-948
- ☐ Interview Summary, PTO-413
- ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application, PTO-152
- ☐ Other _____

Office Action Summary

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DETAILED ACTION

1. This Office Action is in response to the Amendments filed on 12/3/97 and 10/7/99 which have been entered into the record of file.

Information Disclosure Statement

2. The IDS paper filed on October 7, 1999 has been received and placed in the record of file.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

3. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless --

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

4. Claims 37-41 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being clearly anticipated by the submitted prior art, Okamoto (Japanese Patent Application Laid-open No. 4-289976).

As per claims 37-41, Okamoto clearly anticipates the claimed invention as now claimed at paragraph [0022], "various kinds of three dimensional basis shape models are prepared beforehand", paragraph [0025], "At this time, the display program 112 displays two dimensional image A (101) and a three dimensional basis shape model (102) side by side", and paragraph [0026] cites "Next, in step 255, the three dimensional basis shape model 102 is transformed according to the transforming

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program 108 so that the control point 107 on the three dimensional basis shape model 102 coincides with the characteristic point 105 on the two dimensional image A”.

Conclusion

5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Cliff N. Vo whose telephone number is (703) 305-9594. He can normally be reached Monday-Friday and alternate Monday from 8:00am-5:30pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Mark Powell, can be reached at (703) 305-9703. The fax phone number for this Group is (703) 305-9724.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application should be directed to the Group receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 305-3800.



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